

Medicine Lake Refuge to Host Quilting Contest

In preparation for the National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial in 2003, refuges in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Kansas are working on a Refuge Quilt exhibit. Every National Wildlife Refuge in the eight states will submit one quilt square that depicts a wildlife, habitat or recreation scene that represents that refuge. The quilt squares will then be joined into a Regional Centennial Quilt. The Centennial quilt will travel around to the eight states throughout the year 2003.

The Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge is hosting a quilting contest to come up with a winning quilt square to be used in the Centennial quilt. Quilters of all ages are welcome to enter the contest. Group submissions are also encouraged get your school or 4-H group involved! One 9 ½-inch quilt square can be submitted. Quilters may choose from a variety of migratory birds, prairie wildflowers and wetland and prairie habitats for their design. A copy of the guidelines that includes a list of suggested themes and a submission form are available at the Medicine Lake office at 406-789-2305. The deadline for submission of a quilt square is May 1, 2002.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. The first place winner will have their submission joined with those of other refuges to make-up the traveling Centennial quilt. All other entries will be made into a quilt to be displayed at the Medicine Lake Refuge and in surrounding communities. Names of artists will be displayed along with the quilts.

For more information or a copy of guidelines and entry form, call Beth Madden at 406-789-2305.

X X X X X

Beth Madden, Biologist, Medicine Lake NWR, 406-789-2305